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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS:PFOR, RH, UK, BC

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA

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- 1. PRESIDENT KHAMA HAS BEEN ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE LATELY (PARTY CONGRESS, FOLLOWED BY YESTERDAY'S VISIT OF FONSEC OWEN, LORD THOMPSON TODAY, DEPARTURE FOR LUANDA APRIL 17), AND EXTAFF MINISTER MOGWE HAS NOT RETURNED FROM NON-ALIGNED AND FIJI MEETINGS SO I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY LEGWAILA AND EXTAFF PERM SEC MPOTOKWANE TO BRIEF TTEM ON WESTERN AMBASSADORS' JOINT DEMARCHE TO PRIMIN VORSTER (REFTEL).
- 2. AFTER MAKING PTINTS AS AUTHORIZED, PARAS 2 AND 3, REFTEL, THEY ASKED IN A SINGLE VOICE "WHAT WAS VORSTER'S REACTION?". WHEN I REPLIED I HAD NO GUIDANCE ON THAT POINT, THEY SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD VORSTER HAD DESCRIBED TURNHALLE AS WORK OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHICH HE COULD NOT INTERFERE. BOTH LEGWAILA AND MPOTOKWANE INDICATED THEIR INFORMATION WAS THAT VORSTER HAD INSISTED TURNHALLE WAS A LEGITIMATE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND REPRESENTATIVE PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: IF DEPARTMENT HAS SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION WHICH MIGHT BE CONVEYED, OUR GOB COLLEAGUES WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED.

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